



District 3 Newsletter

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Coffee with Councilmember Kavanaugh



Councilmember Kavanaugh's next coffee is July 26 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Ikeda Theater at the Mesa Arts Center (1 E. Main).

Attendees will hear from the MAC about the upcoming performing live season, as well as the classes and programs that the MAC offers.

A Message from Councilmember Kavanaugh

It's hard to believe, but Summer is upon us. The first half of 2013 has certainly been a busy one, and we have no plans to slow down as we move further on into 2013.

If you are looking for a fun way to cool off, be sure to check out the [FlowRider](#) at Rhodes Pool. It is a unique experience that shouldn't be missed. Also, be sure to take part in the FlowRider Pro-Am on June 1. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

The fourth annual Southwest Ambulance Arizona Celebration of Freedom returns to downtown Mesa on June 29, featuring New Orleans band "Cowboy Mouth". Bring your family to the free Independence Day celebration in Mesa!

The Dobson Ranch Library is offering all sorts of programs this summer for kids. It's a great way to beat the heat and keep their brains active!

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. I love to hear from residents, so please don't ever hesitate to contact my office with your questions, concerns or comments. We live in a great community, and it is because of people like you!

Sincerely,

Dennis Kavanaugh
Councilmember, District 3

Summer Fun at Dobson Ranch Library

The Dobson Ranch Library is offering activities for kids all summer long to help beat the heat! .

May 30

Summer Reading Kickoff- Make a Book Craft

Dig in to summer by signing up for summer reading and then come create a book of your own!

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages



RSVP

Arizona Celebration of Freedom



The fourth annual Southwest Ambulance Arizona Celebration of Freedom will take place on Saturday, June 29 from 6 to 11 pm in Downtown Mesa.

This year's event is located in downtown Mesa on Center Street from Main Street to Pepper Place, and east on Pepper Place from Center Street to Centennial Way.

The "coolest" Independence Day festival in the Valley will feature music from "Cowboy Mouth" and others and will culminate in fireworks above downtown Mesa at 9:45 pm.

Don't miss the 2013 Southwest Ambulance Arizona Celebration of Freedom. For more information, visit the [official website](#).

Celebration of Freedom Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Fourth Annual Southwest Ambulance Arizona Celebration of Freedom, the state's "coolest independence festival," held this year in downtown Mesa on Saturday, June 29.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of

June 5

Arizona Rick: The Balloon Making Cowboy

Enjoy the telling of classic stories while seeing the story characters shaped into balloon creations.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages

Afternoon Movie: "ParaNorman"

A misunderstood boy takes on ghosts, zombies and grown-ups to save his town from a centuries-old curse.

2 to 4 p.m., Rated PG

June 12

Step's Junk Funk

Step's Junk Funk gives new life to items that otherwise would end up on our city's trash. It's surprising what sounds good! Your "JUNK" becomes an extension of yourself, dancing and making music become one, and soon everyone finds themselves getting down with the "FUNK"!

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages

Rooting for Roots

Potato chip tasting and other games.

2 to 4 p.m., For Tweens and Teens

June 19

Carpet Bowling

Kids of all ages can try their hand at bowling with Brunswick Bowl's red carpet bowling lanes (kid friendly pins and bowling bowls are set up in the library for all to play).

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages

"Dark Shadows", the MuV Chat

Bring your cell phone and chat about the movie as it's playing using text messages. Texts will be displayed on the screen next to the movie for all to read.

2 to 4 p.m., Rated PG-13, Ages 13 and Up

June 22

Afternoon Movie: "Journey to the Center of the Earth"

On a quest to find out what happened to his missing brother, a scientist, his nephew and their mountain guide discover a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the Earth.

1:30 to 3:30, Rated PG

June 26

Rock Art of the Southwest

Explore the fascinating world of Native American rock art through slides and demonstrations by the Pueblo Grande Museum. Learn about prehistoric cultures and the possible interpretations of their ancient symbols.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages

Afternoon Movie: "Brave"

Determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.

shifts and activities, including event set up/tear down/clean up, assisting with traffic control at the car show, helping manage bounce houses and carnival games, answering questions from the public and more. Shifts are two to three hours long during the hours of 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or 14 if accompanied by a parent or guardian. All volunteers will be given a commemorative t-shirt, snacks and plenty of cool drinks during their volunteer shifts.

For more information, log onto <http://www.azcelebrationoffreedom.org>, click on "Volunteer" and complete a volunteer interest form; or contact City of Mesa Neighborhood Outreach Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Alvis at (480) 644-3705 or michelle.alvis@mesaaz.gov.

Hydration Donation Campaign Kicks Off in June

With temperatures about to hit triple digits on a regular basis, the City of Mesa is working with nonprofit agencies and businesses to provide supplies of water to the homeless and unsheltered. The seventh annual Mesa Hydration Donation campaign will begin Monday, June 3. Residents will be asked to donate water at various drop-off locations throughout the City.

Last year, the City of Mesa collected 320,386 bottles of water surpassing the goal of 300,000. The total continues a trend of seeing a significant increase in donations each year. In 2011, the campaign collected 222,275 bottles while the 2010 total was 109,125 and the 2009 total was just over 60,000.

The Hydration Donation campaign runs through September. Check the [City of Mesa's website](#) for a list of drop-off locations.

Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema Mobile Office at Dobson Ranch Library

Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema will be using the Dobson Ranch Library as her mobile office during the summer.

The dates when you can come and

2 to 4 p.m., Rated PG

July 3

Afternoon Movie: "Yogi Bear"

A documentary filmmaker travels to Jellystone Park to shoot a project and soon crosses paths with Yogi Bear, his sidekick Boo-Boo, and Ranger Smith.

2 to 4 p.m., Rated PG

July 10

Dig In To Treasures

Lovely Buttons shares hilarious clown antics and silly ways to make reading FUN! Kids will go wild as we make items appear from Lovely's Magical Books, be mesmerized with Chalk Talk stories of the Old West, and meet her entertaining desert puppets.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages

Afternoon Movie: "Megamind"

The supervillain Megamind finally defeats his nemesis, the superhero Metro Man. But without a hero, he loses all purpose and must find new meaning to his life.

2 to 4 p.m., Rated PG

July 17

Worm Drive: The Musical

Join Farmer Ron and Farmer Gavan as they dig up the dirt on the mighty earthworm in their hilarious, fun and educational performance. Through humorous, interactive skits, music and live earthworm handling, children learn the importance of this soil-dwelling animal.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., All Ages

Bubbles Blast!

Let's blow some bubbles! There will be crafts and bubble blowing.

2 to 3:30 p.m., All Ages

July 24

Earth Rocks!

Explore the Earth's wonders at this interactive program.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., School Age Kids

Afternoon Movie: "Wreck-It Ralph"

A video game villain wants to be a hero and sets out to fulfill his dream, but his quest brings havoc to the whole arcade where he lives.

2 to 4 p.m., Rated PG

July 27

Afternoon Movie: "James and the Giant Peach"

An orphan with terrible aunts for guardians befriends human like bugs who live inside a giant peach and take the boy on a journey to New York City.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Rated PG

The Dobson Ranch Library wishes to provide programs for all age levels. Each program is geared towards a specific group, so please take note of any age requirements. We ask your cooperation to make these programs a positive experience for all. Please do not bring younger children to programs geared towards the

discuss issues with her staff at Dobson Ranch Library are:

June 20 - 11am to 2pm
August 15 - 11am to 2pm

Mesa City Council YouTube Channel

For the latest new on happenings around District 3 and throughout Mesa, be sure to check out the [Mesa City Council YouTube page](#). New stories are being posted all the time. And if you have an idea for a story, [let us know!](#)

MesaNow.Org

To stay up to date with the latest news in the City of Mesa, visit [MesaNow.org](#). The site features news releases, audio, video and photos from City events.

Call For Submissions

If you have an item you would like to see in the next issue, whether it is a community event in District 3, a District 3 business you want to see highlighted, or anything else you can think of, submit it to us. Send your submissions to Randy.Policar@mesaaz.gov.

City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are typically

held the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 5:45pm. All agendas are available on-line at www.mesaaz.gov. Study sessions are held most Thursday mornings at 7:30am in the lower level council chambers. Check the city's website for details.

City Council Chambers
57 E. First Street
Mesa, AZ 85201



older children or vice versa. Programs are open to the general public, but we are unable to accommodate large camp/school groups or any groups of five or more non-family members. We appreciate your cooperation!

Dobson Ranch Library is located at 2425 S. Dobson Road. For more information, call 480-644-3300 or visit the [Summer Fun Website](#).

Mesa Police Department Citizen's Police Academy



The Mesa Police Department's next Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to begin on September 4, 2013 and will graduate on November 13, 2013. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 10pm at various police department facilities, with Range Day being held on a Saturday.

The Citizen Police Academy offers a mix of classroom presentations and hands-on experience which combine to give students an insight and understanding of law enforcement's role in our community.

Classes during the eleven week program show what goes into the making of a police officer. A step-by-step journey that starts with the hiring process and advances through all facets of training, from physical fitness and use of force, to communications, criminal and accident investigation, patrol and much more.

Presentations will include: Traffic, Civilian Investigators, DUI, Homicide, Gangs, Street Crimes, Narcotics, Crime Lab, SWAT, Bombs, Aviation, and Range Day (you will get to shoot).

Potential candidates must meet the following criteria:

- 19 years of age or older
- Reside in or be employed in Mesa or be a family member of a Mesa Police Department employee
- No prior felony arrests
- No misdemeanor arrests within one year of application
- Pass a background check

For more information and an application, contact Jen Wills, Mesa Police Department Training, at 480-644-4139. Applications may be downloaded at www.mesaaz.gov/police/Training/CPAcademy.aspx.